GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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POSITION OF CHILDREN
Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen expressed his concern over the plight of children in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government during the last three years to uplift the overall status of children in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) Professor Amartya Sen released a report titled "Focus on Children Under Six" brought out by the Citizen's Initiatives for the Rights of Children in December 2006 and expressed his concern about the wellbeing of the children. The Government has taken several measures to improve the overall situation of children in the country which include elevation of the status of the Department of Women and Child Development to a fullfledged Ministry, enhanced allocation for Integrated Child Development Services Scheme and Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, setting up of a National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, preparation of a National Plan of Action for Children, formulation of an Integrated Child Protection Scheme and Offences Against Children (Prevention) bill, launch of National Rural Health Mission, expansion of Creche Scheme and various others.